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UNITED STATES FOREIGN TRADE IN HIDES AND SKINS IN 1953

The United States has been traditionally a net importer of hides and skins. Imports of sheep and goat skins and of calf and kip skins increased appreciably during 1953 and this country remained on a net import basis for these items. However, as a result of increased slaughter cattle hides were in surplus of domestic needs and the United States became a net exporter of cattle hides in 1953.

HIDES AND SKINS: United States Foreign Trade, averages 1935-39 and 1946-50, Annual 1951-53

	Averages 1935-39	Averages 1946-50	1951	1952	1953
	1,000 Pieces	1,000 Pieces	1,000 Pieces	1,000 Pieces	1,000 Pieces
Calf and Kip:					
Imports	3,181	1,265	2,490	1,628	1,932
Exports	555	593	273	794	1,608
Net Imports	2,626	672	2,217	834	324
Cattle Hides:					
Imports	2,580	1,872	3,242	1,230	455
Exports	533	868	372	1,138	2,381
Net Imports	2,047	1,004	2,870	92	-
Net Exports	--	--	--	--	1,926
Goat and Kid:					
Imports 1/	43,260	36,639	32,185	29,716	31,904
Sheep and Lamb:					
Imports	21,057	24,545	20,948	19,325	25,049
Exports	1,996	696	661	497	419
Net Imports	19,061	23,849	20,287	18,828	24,630

1/ United States exports are negligible.
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Imports.

Hides and skins imported into the United States originate in numerous countries of the world. Imports of calf and kip skins are usually from Canada and Western Europe, while cattle hides have been imported primarily from Canada and Latin America. Most of the sharp drop which occurred in imports of cattle hides during 1953 was in shipments originating in Argentina.

Imports of goat and kid skins originate largely in counties of the Middle East, Africa and Latin America. Oceania and Latin America supply most of the sheep and lamb skins imported into the United States.

Exports.

United States exports of hides and skins are largely to Canada, Western Europe and Japan. In recent years Japan has taken a large portion of our exports of both cattle hides and calf and kip skins. During 1953 more than one-third of the cattle hides and about one-half of the calf and kip skins exported from the United States were destined for Japan.

In summary, Japan, Canada, The Netherlands and the United Kingdom have been our best export markets for hides and skins produced in surplus of domestic needs. Cattle hides continue to be in surplus of domestic needs and indications are that exports to these countries will total larger during 1954.

Table 1. HIDES AND SKINS: United States Imports for Consumption by Country of Origin - Averages 1935-39, 1946-50, Annual 1951 to 1953

County of Origin	Averages 1935-39	Averages 1946-50	1951	1952	1953
	1,000 Pieces	1,000 Pieces	1,000 Pieces	1,000 Pieces	1,000 Pieces
Calf and Kip:					
Canada	394	342	399	702	777
Denmark	4	8	40	37	38
Finland	178	42	52	21	0
France	548	80	145	264	235
Italy	19	33	60	10	45
Netherlands	76	16	19	37	39
Norway	103	9	65	23	8
Poland	92	57	429	201	309
Switzerland	25	10	6	3	39
India	67	168	527	119	129
Argentina	156	35	77	11	0
New Zealand	471	149	155	122	201
Others	1,048	316	516	78	112
Total	3,181	1,265	2,490	1,628	1,932
Cattle Hides:					
Canada	550	419	682	343	303
Mexico	29	77	101	0	0
Cuba	14	29	75	5	14
France	23	7	30	13	14
Italy	17	16	15	8	11
Netherlands	5	2	11	26	7
Switzerland	7	1	1	2	13
India	22	11	160	80	71
Argentina	1,309	712	1,043	645	3
Brazil	400	216	578	18	5
Uruguay	55	65	19	15	0
Australia	31	16	36	0	0
New Zealand	40	14	11	7	0
Others	78	287	480	68	14
Total	2,580	1,872	3,242	1,230	455
Goat and Kid:					
Haiti, Rep. of	385	674	553	514	594
Arabia	0	775	349	293	810
India	13,160	10,916	8,908	10,866	8,974
Pakistan	0	2,009	2,588	1,638	1,912
Argentina	2,523	1,232	485	283	955
Brazil	4,172	3,028	2,190	1,360	4,055
Peru	837	757	829	482	579
Venezuela	812	573	509	775	663
Br. E.Africa	726	2,134	2,469	2,735	2,702
Br. Somoliland	0	954	618	678	693
Ethiopia	682	3,084	2,887	3,135	2,842
Italian Africa	133	679	683	680	953
Nigeria	2,084	4,037	3,924	2,855	2,880
Un. of So. Africa	902	980	676	1,000	748
Others	16,844	4,807	4,517	2,422	2,544
Total	43,260	36,639	32,185	29,716	31,904

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Table 1. HIDES AND SKINS: United States Imports for Consumption by Country of Origin - averages 1935-39, 1946-50. Annual 1951 to 1953. (continued)

Country of Origin	Averages 1935-39	Averages 1946-50	1951	1952	1953
	1,000 Pieces	1,000 Pieces	1,000 Pieces	1,000 Pieces	1,000 Pieces
Sheep and Lamb					
United Kingdom	1,419	1,216	1,998	1,014	1,277
Iran	4	346	1,002	762	2,004
Argentina	4,030	4,175	340	581	2,495
Brazil	1,143	77	65	114	30
Un. of So. Africa	1,098	316	88	151	15
Australia	1,173	3,509	2,764	1,629	2,729
New Zealand	8,699	11,087	11,518	13,869	14,404
Other	3,491	3,819	3,173	1,205	2,095
Total	21,057	24,545	20,948	19,325	25,049

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Table 2. HIDES AND SKINS: United States Exports by Country of destination, Averages 1935-39 and 1946-50. Annual 1951-53.

Country of Destination	Averages 1935-39	Averages 1946-50	1951	1952	1953
	1,000 Pieces	1,000 Pieces	1,000 Pieces	1,000 Pieces	1,000 Pieces
Calf and Kip					
Canada	170	265	115	196	313
Belgium	10	31	14	28	62
Germany	13	39	5	5	53
Italy	6	24	0	36	123
Netherlands	25	135	5	17	123
United Kingdom	12	24	0	4	89
Japan	247	28	128	468	757
Others	72	47	7	40	60
Total	555	593	274	794	1,580
Cattle Hides					
Canada	127	278	264	411	430
Mexico	4	1/	0	3	63
Belgium	1	64	0	8	37
Germany	3	41	0	4	88
Italy	3	56	5	5	22
Netherlands	24	93	1	34	278
United Kingdom	37	132	4	3	215
Yugoslavia	1/	12	0	56	237
Japan	260	36	88	552	845
Others	74	162	10	62	166
Total	533	868	372	1,138	2,381
Sheep and Lamb 2/					
Canada	3/ 1,009	505	574	402	343
Mexico	3/ 11	1	10	62	-
Belgium	3/ 11	12	3	-	10
France	3/ 38	73	18	31	30
Hungary	3/ 53	5	0	-	-
United Kingdom	80	10	36	-	12
Others	28	132	19	3	24
Total	1,230	738	660	498	419

1/ Less than 500. 2/ Includes Goat and Kid. 3/ For 1939.

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Table 3. HIDES AND SKINS: United States Imports and Exports by type and description, averages 1935-39 and 1946-50, Annual 1951-1953

Type and Description	Averages 1935-39	Averages 1946-50	1951	1952	1953
	1,000 Pieces	1,000 Pieces	1,000 Pieces	1,000 Pieces	1,000 Pieces
Imports 1/					
Calf and Kip:	3,181	1,265	2,490	1,628	1,932
Wet salted	2,385	738	1,387	1,374	1,611
Dry or dry salted	796	527	1,103	254	321
Cattle Hides:	2,580	1,872	3,242	1,230	455
Wet salted	2,381	1,414	961	997	312
Dry or dry salted	199	458	2,281	233	143
Goat and Kid:	43,260	36,639	32,185	29,716	31,904
Dry or dry salted	41,518	36,067	31,118	28,460	31,127
Green or pickled	1,742	572	1,067	1,256	777
Sheep and Lamb:	21,057	24,545	20,948	19,325	25,049
Wooled dry or green salted	2,726	5,550	1,549	1,245	2,020
Slats-dry	3,481	2,150	1,606	650	833
Pickled-not split	14,840	15,965	15,422	16,150	19,893
Pickled-fleshers and skivers	10	880	2,371	1,280	2,303
Exports 2/					
Calf and Kip	555	593	273	794	1,608
Wet salted	N.A.	547	268	794	1,606
Dry or dry salted	N.A.	46	5	3/	2
Cattle Hides:	533	868	372	1,138	2,381
Wet salted	N.A.	798	363	1,128	2,379
Dry or dry salted	N.A.	70	9	10	11
Sheep and Lamb 4/	1,996	696	661	497	419
Wet	N.A.	470	571	459	359
Dry	N.A.	226	90	38	60

1/ For consumption. 2/ Excludes re-exports.
3/ Less than 500 4/ Includes Goat and Kid.

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